

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES

This chapter addresses the direct, indirect and cumulative impacts on elements of the human environment from actions proposed in the CDCA Plan Amendment. This chapter is organized by environmental element, followed by a description and comparison of impacts from the relevant plan element alternatives.

Land use plans, such as the CDCA Plan Amendment, developed in accordance with Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations, provide landscape level decisions for managing the BLM-administered public lands. As a result, the impact analysis for land use plans level actions tends to be cumulative by nature.

4.12 Hazardous Materials and Toxic Wastes

All activities on the BLM managed public lands must adhere to Federal laws addressing hazardous materials and toxic wastes, such as the Resources Conservation and recovery Act (RCRA), the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), the Federal Clean Air Act and the Toxic Substances Control Act. Although illegal, dumping of hazardous materials on the public lands does occur. The BLM works with the appropriate State and local government agency to appropriately remove these materials off the public lands. Increased patrols and other conservation measures throughout the CVMSHCP conservation system will help to curtail illegal dumping on the public lands.